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SUBJ: VISIT TO US BY AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION LEADER MALCOLM FRASER

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1. AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION LEADER FRASER IS IN TASMANIA TODAY SPEAKING IN BASS BY-ELECTION CAMPAIGN SET FOR JUNE 28 AND IS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, HIS PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, PETER CROSS, TOLD EMBASSY THAT JULY 15-16 AS POSSIBLE DATES FOR WASHINGTON VISIT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO FRASER IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HE HAD ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WITH GENERAL SCOWCROFT. FRASER ALSO SPOKE TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DCM UPTON AND GAVE HIM SAME DATES.

2. CROSS SAID THAT ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 18 BY PREMIER DON DUNSTAN OF STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA THAT HE WOULD SEEK DISSOLUTION OF STATE PARLIAMENT AND NEW STATE ELECTIONS JULY 12 IS NEW ELEMENT WHICH WOULD VERY MUCH AFFECT TIMING OF FRASER VISIT. (DECISION BY DUNSTAN IS OVER STATE ISSUES, INCLUDING TURING OVER DEFICIT-RIDDEN, STATE-OWNED RAILWAY SYSTEM TO AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.) CROSS WAS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT OPPOSITION WOULD WIN FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION IN TASMANIA JUNE 28. HOWEVER, PROSPECTS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA ARE QUITE DIFFERENT, AS DUNSTAN HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL PREMIER WHO HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN HIS OWN IDENTITY SEPARATE FROM THAT OF FEDERAL LABOR GOVERNMENT.

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HE THOUGHT LIBERAL-COUNTRY OPPOSITION WOULD NOT DO AS WELL IN

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS IN BASS BY-ELECTION. CROSS GAVE HIS PERSONAL
OPINION THAT ANY VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY FRASER IN NEXT TWO MONTHS
WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, THOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN
VIEW AND ISSUE WAS NOT RPT NOT YET CLEARED WITH FRASER.

3. DESPITE HIS PERSONAL VIEW ON DIFFICULTY OF SCHEDULING,
CROSS SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT FRASER WOULD MAKE FIVE TO SIX
DAY VISIT TO U.S. IF HE COULD ARRANGE CALLS ON HIGH-LEVEL U.S.
OFFICIALS. EMBOFF NOTED THAT, UNTIL FRASER'S PLANS ARE FIRMED
UP, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FIRM APPOINTMENTS
WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WITH CROWDED SCHEDULES AND HEAVY
DEMANDS ON THEIR TIME.
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